

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: StripedSweater

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 2000108.050

Medium: Video File

Maker: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: The District Court at Auckland

Classification: Objectionable.

Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 13 May 2020

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: No notice of decision has been issued

	Components	Running time
Timed component(s):	StripedSweater	1:13
Total running time:		1:13

Summary of reasons for decision:

The video strongly sexualises a young girl who is filmed displaying her genitals. The video is deemed to be objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes. The video can only be for the purpose of sexually arousing those with a prurient interest in young girls. It presents children as appropriate subjects for adult sexual fantasy and desire, and has the effect of encouraging and legitimising such an interest. As a video file it can be shared widely among like-minded individuals, further exploiting the girl. It may also be used to groom other children for sexual exploitation. This classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression as affirmed by the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, however it is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications that promote and support the sexual exploitation of children are deemed

objectionable. The classification also reflects the concern of New Zealand society to protect its young and vulnerable members from exploitation.